

**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Applicants have deleted the term "ducrolloy" in claim 2, as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 2, 7 and 9 have been amended to clarify the identity of the compound  $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{Cr}_{1-y}\text{O}_3$ , and that it contains only the variables x and y (the 1 being the numeral 1). Applicants have also amended claim 2 to define the variable x as being greater than zero and less than or equal to 0.4 and the variable y as being greater than or equal to zero and less than or equal to 0.5. Support is found in the specification at page 25, lines 23-25.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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